

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of acquiring a license in a hub network,  
comprising:

    sending a license request from a client to a server;

    sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server; and

    receiving a sub-copy license at said client from said server in response to said  
license request;

    wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network and are  
members of said hub network,

    wherein said license request identifies a sub-copy version of content stored on  
said client, said sub-copy version including sub-copy locked content data,

    wherein said sub-copy version is a copy of a source version of content, the source  
version being a source for generating the sub-copy version of content which is provided  
to the client through the hub network when client is connected to the server,

    wherein said source version is bound to the hub network and stored on said server,  
and said sub-copy version is bound to members of said hub network, and

wherein the sub-copy version being bound to the members of the hub network  
indicates that the content cannot be freely copied onto other media unless a compliant  
device first requests to unbind the sub-copy version of the content from the hub network  
by changing the bound sub-copy version to a discrete version before the sub-copy version  
can be removed.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before receiving said license data including a sub-copy license at said client;  
wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client, said server clock is a secure clock of said server.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
updating said sub-copy license for said sub-copy version stored on said client;  
wherein  
updating said sub-copy license includes updating said sub-copy license according to said received sub-copy license.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:  
said sub-copy license indicates permissions for using said sub-copy version.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein:  
said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period, and  
said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license is valid.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:  
setting an expiration time according to said expiration period including resetting  
said expiration time if said expiration time was previously set to a different value;  
wherein said client has a secure client clock,  
when said client clock indicates that the current expiration time has been reached,  
said sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled, and  
said client will not decrypt said sub-copy locked content data when said sub-copy  
license is disabled.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:  
said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:  
said connection confirmation indicates said client is connected to said server.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:  
said connection confirmation indicates said client is within a local environment of  
said server, and  
said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
sending a security confirmation from said client to said server,

wherein said security confirmation indicates a state of security data stored on said client.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a security update at said client from said server;

wherein said security update includes new security data.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein:

said security data includes a new key for decryption.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said received sub-copy license.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving said sub-copy version from a device that is a member of a different hub network from said hub network; and

obtaining a new license from a licensing authority indicated by the sub-copy version.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a license in a hub network, comprising:

receiving a license request from a client at a server;  
sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and  
sending license data from said server to said client in response to said license request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said license request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, and said license data corresponding to said sub-copy version is bound to said hub network,

wherein said sub-copy version and copies of said sub-copy version of a bound instance are made only by clients connected to said hub network;

synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before sending said license data including a sub-copy license to said client;

wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client, said server clock is a secure clock of said server, and

wherein the sub-copy version being bound to the hub network indicates that the content cannot be freely copied onto other media unless a compliant device first requests to unbind the sub-copy version of the content from the hub network by changing the bound sub-copy version to a discrete version before the sub-copy version can be removed.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said license data corresponds to a sub-copy license for said sub-copy version and includes data for updating said sub-copy license.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said license data is a sub-copy license indicating permissions for using said sub-copy version.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period,

said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license is valid, and

when said expiration time has been reached after sending said license data, said sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:

said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is connected to said server.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein:  
said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is  
within a local environment of said server, and  
said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising:  
sending a security confirmation request from said server to said client,  
wherein said security confirmation request requests confirmation of a state of  
security data stored on said client.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:  
receiving a security confirmation at said server from said client;  
wherein said security confirmation indicates said state of said security data stored  
on said client.
25. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:  
sending a security update from said server to said client.
26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein:  
wherein said security update includes a new key for decryption.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising:  
checking a revocation list to determine whether said client is included in said  
revocation list;  
wherein said revocation list is stored on said server.

28 – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network,  
comprising:  
sending a refresh request from a client to a server;  
sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server;  
receiving an updated sub-copy license at said client from said server in response  
to said refresh request; and  
updating a sub-copy license stored on said client according to said updated license  
data;  
wherein said client and said server are members of a hub network, said refresh  
request corresponds to a sub-copy version of content stored on said client, said sub-copy  
version includes sub-copy locked content data, and  
wherein said sub-copy license is a license tied to said sub-copy version, said sub-  
copy version is bound to members of said hub network, and said sub-copy is generated  
from a source version that is bound to the hub network, and



wherein the sub-copy version being bound to the members of the hub network indicates that the content cannot be freely copied onto other media unless a compliant device first requests to unbind the sub-copy version of content from the hub network by changing the bound sub-copy version to a discrete version before the sub-copy version can be removed.

31. (Currently Amended) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:

receiving a refresh request from a client at a server;  
sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and  
sending an updated sub-copy license from said server to said client in response to said refresh request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network and are members of said hub network, said refresh request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, and

wherein said updated sub-copy license updates a sub-copy license corresponding to said sub-copy version, said sub-copy version is bound to said hub network, and said sub-copy is generated from a source version that is bound to the hub network, and

wherein the sub-copy version being bound to the members of the hub network indicates that the content cannot be freely copied onto other media unless a compliant device first requests to unbind the sub-copy version of the content from the hub network

by changing the bound sub-copy version to a discrete version before the sub-copy version can be removed.